MOTION TO FELICITATE HIS HIGHNESS ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. President: I call upon the Hon'ble Deputy President to move the motion in the Supplementary Agenda for today.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christian Ernakulam):* Sir, it is my unique privilege today to move the resolution that " this Council offers its loyal felicitations to His Highness Sree Ravi Varma, the Maharaja of Cochin, on the occasion of the ensuing 80th birthday of His Highness ".

Sir, this is a unique occasion. In the Long History of our State, ranging well-nigh over fifteen hundred years, this is the first time that a ruler attains his eightieth year, even though our Rulers have generally been blessed with long leases of life ; and it is in the fitness of things that is this Council, consisting of the accredited representatives of the people and His Highness' Councillors, the Diwan and the Hon'ble Minister and several of the high officers of the State—yes, it is this council that actually starts the celebration of the unique, august, auspicious and memorable occasion.

Sir, His Highness is the head of the well-known dynasty the Perumpadap Swaroopam, that has ruled our State for over 1500 years without a break, and is one of the oldest Kshatriya dynasties in India. His Highness may well be proud of the fact that he is the representative of a dynasty famous in the history of South India for its high ideals of life, for its solicitude for the prosperity, well-being and advancement of the people, and famous, more particularly, by its early contact with, and friendly policy towards, western powers—the Portuguese, the Dutch, and finally the British. Sir, it is well and widely known that tolerance and generosity have always been the trait of the Rulers of Cochin and of the members of the royal house. Communities of foreign peoples were welcomed with open arms and encouraged to settle down in our land. The community of Jews and the community of Syrian Christians of the early centuries are most striking examples of this benevolent policy. Hindu Rulers they are, our Rajas have always followed the policy of religious toleration even during times and epochs when in many other places in the world religious intolerance and religious persections were considered as virtues on the part of rulers and Governments. Never has the virtues of religious intolerance in any of its forms polluted the atmosphere of our country, neither directly nor indirectly, neither spiritually nor socially, neither politically nor economically, nor even academically nor culturally. It is even reported, Sir, that during the Portuguese regime, one of our Rajas, succeeding to the throne agreed to be crowned at the then Roman Catholic Cathedral in the town of Cochin, in the presence of the Portuguese Governor. But all the same, our Rulers have always been at staunch and devoted followers of their sacred religion, and while, liberal, generous and patronising towards other creeds, they never faltered in their fidelity towards the faith of their ancestors, and it is reported that when the Portuguese pressed one of the Rajas to embrace Christianity he praised the request with remark. "This is a matter of great importance and requires deliberate consideration".

Now, Sir, in our present beloved Maharaja, His Highness Sri Ravi Varma, we find a devoted follower of all the noblest traditions of his predecessors and of the ruling family, and a happy and harmonious blending of all their noblest and glorious traits. He is an erudite scholar, and very well-informed on current problems and current affairs. In his early youth he received a sound general education and attained a high degree of proficiency in Sanskrit and in English under great Scholars, both Indian and European. Ever since the completion of his education His Highness has continuously kept his mind open to newer and ever newer streams of knowledge. His Highness is a man of wide and extensive reading, especially of books in religion and in social sciences particularly in the science of economics in which I am told, His Highness is well-versed. For the last fifty years and more His Highness has been a regular reader of daily newspapers and some of the best magazines. He is thus a scholar, and at the same time, a highly practical statesman. It is a matter of particular gratification for us, His Highness' subjects, that age does not prevent him from minutely and carefully devoting his attention to the matters of State.

Sir, though it is only a short time since he ascended the Musnad—which happy event took place in October 1943—His Highness has become one of the most beloved of the people among the Rulers of Cochin. One reason for this is to be found in that quality of amiability and affability which shines in him. He is easy of access to even the lowest of his subjects and he receives and deals with everyone of his subjects in the manner of a loving father, with the least of that pomp and ostentatiousness that usually accompanies royalty and with nothing of that sense of, what the poet has called, "the divinity that hedgeth a King."

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Sir, in the period that still lies ahead of His Highness there are very many problems—new and grave problems—that have to be tackled and solved. We are confident that in this great task his rich experience, wide knowledge, practical statesmanship and his deep solicitude for the welfare of his subjects will enable him to infuse greater happiness and contentment into the hearts of his people and in every manner to transform Cochin during his reign itself into the most progressive and prosperous Indian State and a model for others to copy.

Sir, I conclude, with the ardent prayer that God may bless His Highness with many more years of health prosperity and vigour.

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Nominated):* I respectfully second the motion that has been moved by the Hon'ble Deputy President. And in doing so I entirely associate myself with the sentiments expressed by him. This is the first time a reigning Ruler in Cochin completes his eightieth year. The occasion is a unique one in the annals of the State; and it is our duty and proud privilege, as loyal subjects of His Highness, to tender our heart felt and humble felicitations to His Highnes on the occasion. His Highness has endeared himself to his subjects by his high character, his simplicity and sincerity of purpose and his keen solicitude for the welfare of the people. In an Indian State, Sir, the personal example of the Ruler has a great unifying influence on his subjects. This has been fully realised here in that spirit of perfect amity and goodwill that exists among all classes of His Highness' subjects to-day. It is in that spirit that we, as representatives of His Highness' loving subjects in this House, stand united to express in one voice our feelings of devotion and loyalty and to pray with one heart that God may grant His Highness long life, health and all happiness.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* On behalf of my party, Sir, I support this motion. Birthday is an important occasion in evey man's life but its importance is confined only to himself and his closest relatives. But in this case it is an occasion for joy for every subject of His Highness, more so as the 29th day of Vrischigam on which date falls His Highness' birthday I believe is going to make a new mile-stone in Cochin's political revolution. It is only therefore meet that we should associate together and place at His Highness' feet a present and what present can therebe better than our loyalty and affection. May God give him many years more to do more good to his country and his people.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* Sir, a few words on behalf of the ladies of my constituency and women in Cochin. May God Almighty keep His Gracious Highness, Our Ruler, in a good health and prosperity and may he live in happiness and peace for many more years to come.

***Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Ernakulam):* Sir, I endorse the sentiments given expression to in the resolution. Our Maharaja belongs to a long line of illustrious Rulers who have been ruling this State. The antiquity of this ancient Ruling House is shrouded in the mists of unrecorded history. But looking back from the present through the records of history and even through the stories of tradition, we can see a long and unbroken line of kings who have been handing over the burning torch of their ideals from predecessor to successor. In this continuing process the torch has never for once flickered or become dim. It is always difficult for any individual to adorn with distinction such an illustrious line. Our beloved Maharaja who is unfailingly performing this difficult task is going to complete his 80th year in the course of a few days. May God shower his choicest blessings on our beloved Ruler.

മിസ്സ് ആനി ജോസഫ്: നാടുവാണരുളുന്ന മഹാരാജാവ് തിരുമനസ്സിലേക്ക വ ഠ വയസ്സു പൂത്തിയാകുന്ന ആ ദിവസത്തെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള ചിന്ത അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വാത്സല്യമക്കളാ യ സകലക്കും ആനന്ദം ഉളവാക്കുന്നതാണ്. പ്രജകളുടെ സുഖം, ക്ഷേമം, സമാധാനം, സ ന്തോഷം ഇവകടം മാത്രമാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ജീവിതലക്ഷ്യം. ജീവിതപ്രകൃതിയുടെ ക്രൂ രമുഖം തട്ടിനിരത്തി മനുഷ്യത്വത്തോടുകൂടി ഭരിക്കുകയും ഭരിക്കപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്യണമെ ന്ന് ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി വിശ്വസിച്ചുപോരുന്ന പൊന്നതിരുമേനിയാണ് അവിടുന്ന. അദ്ദേഹ ത്തിന്നറിയാം തന്റെ പ്രജകൾക്ക തന്റേടവും സാമർത്ഥ്യവും കിട്ടിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്ന്. തന്റെ പ്രജകളുടെ അഭിലാഷമനുസരിച്ചു ആ വിശേഷദിവസത്തിൽ കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തു പരിപൂർണ്ണ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വഭരണം നൽകി അതിന്റെ ചരിത്രത്തിൽ ഒരു പുതിയ അദ്ധ്യായം ആരംഭി ക്കുമെന്ന പ്രജകൾ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു, അതു ലഭിക്കുമെന്ന് ആശിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. (Hear hear) രാജഭക്തരായ ജനങ്ങളുടെ പേരിൽ പൊതുവേയും, സ്ത്രീകളുടെ പേരിൽ പ്രത്യേകി

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ഷും ഞങ്ങൾക്കു അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പേരിലുള്ള ഭക്ത്യാദരങ്ങളെ ഇവിടെ പരസ്യമായി പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുകയും അവിടേക്കു ആരോഗ്യവും, ദീർഘായുസ്സും സുഖവും ക്ഷേമവും നേരുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated)*: I am deeply thankful for the importance of the motion and the gravity of the same so ably moved by the Hon'ble the Deputy President. Sir, it is a resolution which is mostly delightful to all communities of the State and the different shades of public opinion expressed their whole hearted confidence, and pleasure. Sir, the private life of His Highness, the sincerity of his purpose, his lofty sense of public duty and above all the indomitable sincerity of his purpose have endeared the personality of His Highness to all of his subjects always. That His Highness is actually lofty minded to the well being of his subjects and who has set before him the political maxim or administrative duty as a passion. I do not propose on this occasion to survey the many sided aspects of that benevolent administration. His Highness is a pioneer in the sense of it and his statesmanship is very well known. On behalf of the Anglo-Indian community which has never wavered in their devotion to the Royal House and which I assure will stand by His Highness and His administrative blocs. I too facilitate the revered Ruler on the eve of his 80th Birthday and pray that God may bless him many more years of life, health and prosperity and vigour also.

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: Let me first accord my thanks to the Hon'ble the Deputy President the first citizen of the State for having given us an opportunity of exercising the proud privilege of this House in moving this all-to-happy resolution. It is only proper that one who is the custodian of the privileges of this House takes upon himself the responsibility of moving such a momentous resolution on such a unique occasion. The motion that has been so feelingly and fervently moved and that moved by the first citizen of the State is only a reflex of the loving and loyal subjects of His Highness who look upon, everyone of them their Highness as God on Earth "RAJA PRATYAKSHA DIVATAM" His Highness Sree Ravi Varma Raja had been called to the GADI at a most critical but at the same time a joyous moment. His Highness has been called to the illustrious GADI of Cochin synchronises with shedding forth of the bright race of victory in the titanic war though dimly seen. That is the significance of the occasion and the period of His Highness the Maharaja occupying the throne of Cochin. The mists have been cleared, the race have grown stronger, victory has seemingly been achieved and the consequences of such a period are pressing themselves namely necessity of post-war reconstruction and development schemes. They are being judiciously and wisely but rather slowly being looked into some plans have been ready, and some of them are said to be put into execution. I had Sir, occasion on a previous day in this House to say that the present Maharaja's predecessor—the illustrious predecessor—can justifiably be understood a beloved Ruler, legitimately our Maharaja who is on the GADI today be called a re-construction and reforms ruler.

15 days from today Sir, Cochin is going to enjoy the unique occasion which is the celebration of the 80th Birthday of the Ruling Maharaja. That one circumstance is sufficient to make the occasion unique and even most unique because Sir, this is the first time a Ruling Maharaja celebrates his 80th Birthday. It is Sir, the fervent prayer of every one of His Highness' loving and loyal subjects irrespective of caste colour or creed to see that His Highness is accorded the privilege of seeing the 1000 full moon "SAHASRA CHANDRA DARSANAM" which according to the Hindus is an event of events. Before that day, before one year from today it is the fervent hope of all the loyal subjects that His Highness succeeds in having a completely different Cochin from the Good Cochin that today is here. The uniqueness though complete in the fact that it is the 80th Birthday that is being celebrated I found an uniqueness in another line, an inner voice tells me Sir, that His Highness is going to make his share to make under the able advice of the statesmanship of his Chief Minister to make the occasion perhaps more unique by an announcement of complete responsible Government, an intensive policy of widely industrialised Cochin also and compulsory primary education under state management with a bias for craft. Thus Constituted Cochin Sir, will be an ideal not only for Indian States, not only for the whole of India but whole of the civilized world to look upon her and justify the statement we see in the papers that the State which has got the Queen of the Arabian Sea closs on oneside, tops the Indian Provinces of India and as a unit in be great federation of India. That I am sure she is sure to achieve before long. May His Highness live long to work such things thus make His Highness' loving subjects happy, contented, more happy more contented. This is the prayer of all and of this humble sole.

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*Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: On behalf of a large section of His Highness' loyal subjects I associate myself with all the sentiments given expression to by the previous speakers. In our Maharaja we have a pious Ruler who has had experience of nearly 4 generations, the experiences he gained as a boy, as a young man, as a middle aged man and as a Ruler of wisdom and ripe experience. His Highness has been able to see vast changes for so many years that Cochin has passed through. And His experience coupled with wisdom and piety, piety I particularly emphasise, wisdom and piety will stand in good stead. I have had occasions to pay my humble respects to His Highness and on all those occasions I have been able to be impressed that His Highness has got a very loving and soft regard for all classes of His Highness' subjects. May His Highness live many more years, live many more years.

*Mr. S. S. Koder *(Nominated)*: On behalf of my community and on my own behalf I associate myself with the statements given expression to by the several speakers. May God grant His Highness long life and prosperity.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ : പുളകിതഗാത്രനായിട്ടാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ എഴുനേറ്റ നില്ക്കുന്നത്. മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിൽ ഏറ്റവും പിഞ്ചു പൈതങ്ങളാണ് അധഃകൃതർ. അവരുടെ ഹൃദയനാളങ്ങളിൽ ഉദിച്ചു പൊങ്ങുന്ന ഭക്തി ബഹുമാനങ്ങളുടെ ബഹിർസ്പുരണം മാത്രമാണ് എന്റെ ഈ വാക്കുകൾ. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഇണഗണങ്ങളെ എന്റെ മുമ്പു പ്രസംഗിച്ചവർ പ്രകീർത്തിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞു. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ രാജ്യഭാരം കയ്യേറിട്ട് വളരെക്കാലമാകുന്നതിനു മുമ്പ്, ലോകത്തെ ആകമാനം ഗ്രസിച്ചിരുന്ന ലോകമഹായുദ്ധം അവസാനിച്ചു. അതു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ മഹനീയമായ, ശോഭനമായ ഭരണത്തിന്റെ നാന്ദിയായി കണക്കാക്കാം. അധഃകൃതരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഒരു വാക്കു പറയുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ നിയമസഭയിൽ ഇവിടത്തെ പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിൽ ഏതാണ്ട് എഴിലൊന്നവരുന്ന അധഃകൃതരെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു ഒരു സ്ഥാനം മാത്രമാണ് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതു്. തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്കാരുണ്യാതിരേകത്താൽ അതു മൂന്നായി വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചു എന്നു മാത്രമല്ല, ഇന്ത്യയിലെ നിയമസഭകളിലെങ്ങുമില്ലാത്തവിധം ഒരു അധഃകൃത വനിതക്കും ഇവിടെ പ്രവേശിക്കുന്നതിനു ഭാഗ്യമുണ്ടായി എന്നു മാത്രമല്ല അധഃകൃതക്ക് മറ്റെവിടേയും ഇല്ലാതിരുന്ന പ്രദേശിക സ്വയംഭരണങ്ങളായ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിൽ പ്രാതിനിധ്യം കല്പിച്ചരുളിചെയ്തു. ഇതെല്ലാം ഇനിയും അധഃകൃതക്ക് അഭ്യുദയത്തിന്റെ ഭരണത്തിൽ ഇവിടെ ലഭിക്കുവാൻപോകുന്ന പല അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളുടേയും മുന്നോടിയായി കണക്കാക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ തിരുനാൾ ഇനിയും വളരെക്കാലംകൊണ്ടാടുന്നതിനുള്ള ഭാഗ്യം പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിനുണ്ടാകട്ടേ! അവിടുന്നു വളരെകാലം ആയുരാരോഗ്യത്തോടുകൂടി വിജയിച്ചരുളട്ടെ!!

Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated)*: Mr. President Sir, While associating myself with all that has been expressed by our worthy Hon'ble Deputy President, I avail myself of this opportunity to express felicitations to His Highness the Maharaja on behalf of the community I represent, and while doing so I also feel that I have to express that the 80th birthday of His Highness, is unique in itself in the annals of the history of Cochin, and I am all the more happy to observe the same has fallen in a very eventful year.

I say it is very eventful because of the facts in the year 1945, when the whole world with all its untold sufferings, trials and tribulations, have come down to a stage of a happier and peaceful situation after the declaration of peace in the pacific as well by the middle of August; various other progressive industrial possibilities in our State being also found out this year, some on the way of being put into execution will surely be paving a way to lead on and give to the subjects of His Highness an era, in which there will be alround satisfaction from the point of economics, general welfare and various other aspects.

Praying the Almighty to confer on His Highness a long life and alround prosperity, I conclude.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ : സർ, കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിന്റേയും രാജകുടുംബത്തിന്റേയും പ്രശസ്തമായ പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ പ്രതിപുരുഷനായ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഈ വരുന്ന ജന്മദിനം ആരെയാണ് ആനന്ദഭിതരാക്കാത്തതു്. 79 വയസു കഴിഞ്ഞതിനു ശേഷം തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പൂർവ്വഗാമികളാരും നാടുവാണിട്ടില്ല. അതിനുള്ള ഭാഗ്യം തിരുമനസ്സിലേയ്ക്കു ലഭിച്ചു എന്നുള്ള ആനന്ദം മാത്രമല്ല ഈ അവസരത്തിലുള്ളതു്. ഉത്തരവാദ

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ണപ്രക്ഷോഭണംകൊണ്ടു് കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിലെ അന്തരീക്ഷം മുഴുവനും മാറ്റൊലിക്കൊള്ളുന്ന ഈ പരിവർത്തന ദശയിൽ പോലും തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഉദ്ദേശ്യശുദ്ധിയും രാജതന്ത്രത്തിന്റെ ശുദ്ധിയും പ്രതാപാധികാരങ്ങളും സർവ്വാദരണീയമായും ആഭാഡംബരരഹിതമായുംസംരക്ഷിച്ചു പോരുന്നു എന്നുള്ളതു് കൊച്ചിക്കാരായ നമുക്കു അഭിമാനിക്കാവുന്നതാണു്. കൊച്ചി രാജകുടുംബവും അരയസമുദായവും തമ്മിൽ പുരാതനകാലം മുതല്ക്കു പുലർന്നവന്നിട്ടുള്ള അതിപുരാതനവും അഭേദ്യവുമായ ബന്ധം ഞാൻ ആനന്ദനിർഭരമായ ഹൃദയത്തോടുകൂടി ഇവിടെ അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നു. മഹാരാജതിരുമേനിമാർ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണം ചെയ്യുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ ആദ്യ തിരുമുൽക്കാഴ്ച എന്ന ആ മംഗളകർമ്മം അടിയറ വെക്കുവാനുള്ള അവകാശം അരയനാണു്. ആ അവകാശദാനത്താൽ സമ്മാനിതനായ ഞാൻ എന്റെ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ പേരിലും എന്റെ പ്രത്യേക നിലയിലും തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഭരണത്തിനു സകലവിധ വിജയങ്ങളും നേർന്നുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡീവർ: സർ, രാജ്യത്തെ പാവപ്പെട്ടവരും മർദ്ദിതവിഭാഗത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരുമായ ഒരു ജനസമുദായമാണു് തൊഴിലാളിവർഗ്ഗം. ഈ തൊഴിലാളിവർഗ്ഗത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ തിരുമനസ്സിലേയ്ക്കു ഞാൻ എല്ലാവിധ ശ്രേയസ്സും ആശംസിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ: സർ, മാനം കുലധനമായി കരുതിപ്പോരുന്ന നാടുവാണരുളുന്ന മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ജീവിതലക്ഷ്യം പ്രജാക്ഷേമമാണു്. പ്രായംകൊണ്ടു് വയോവൃദ്ധനാണെങ്കിലും അഭിനവാദർശസമ്പന്നനായ ഒരു ഭരണാധികാരിയായിട്ടാണു് തിരുമനസ്സിലെ കാണുന്നതു്. അധഃകൃതരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം തിരുമനസ്സിലെയും തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പൂർവ്വീകന്മാരുടെയും കാരുണ്യാതിരേകത്തണലിൽ അധഃകൃതർ ഇന്നു വളരെ അധികം വിശ്രമം കൊള്ളുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു വളരെ ചാരിതാർത്ഥ്യജനകമാണു്. ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ എന്റെ സ്നേഹിതനായ മിസ്റ്റർ കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ പറഞ്ഞ എല്ലാവിധ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളോടും ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ നേർക്കുള്ള അധഃകൃതരുടെ ബഹുമാനത്തേയും ആദരവിനേയും ഞാൻ ഈ സഭമുമ്പാകെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുകയും തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്കു ദീർഘായുസ്സിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: സർ, നാടുവാണരുളുന്ന മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലേക്കു വ്യ ാമത്തെ ജന്മദിനം തികയുന്ന ആ സുദിനത്തിൽ പ്രജകളായ നാം ഓരോരുത്തരും ആനന്ദിക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. വ്യവസായമണ്ഡലത്തിന്റെ പ്രതിനിധി എന്ന നിലയിൽ എനിക്കു് പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും അനുമോദിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ടു്. തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർപട്ടണം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയതു് ഇന്നു നാടുവാണരുളുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പൂർവ്വികന്മാരിൽ ഒരാളായ ശക്തൻ തമ്പുരാൻ തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടാണു്. തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർപട്ടണത്തിൽ വളരെ കുസ്സ്യാനികളെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു് വ്യവസായത്തിൽ അവരെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി ചരിത്രത്തിൽ കാണാവുന്നതാണു്. അത്രമാത്രം വ്യവസായത്തിൽ ഉത്സാഹം പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അവിടത്തെ രാജകുടുംബത്തോടു് വ്യവസായമണ്ഡലം എപ്പോഴും കൃതജ്ഞതയുള്ളവരാണു്. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ വ്യ ാമത്തെ ആട്ടത്തിരുനാൾ തികയുന്ന ഈ ശുഭാവസരം ഏറ്റവും മംഗളകരമായി പ്രശോഭിക്കുന്നതിനു ഞങ്ങൾ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് സിംഹാസനാരോഹണം ചെയ്ത അവസരം മുതൽക്കുമൂലം അന്തരീക്ഷം മുഴുവനും കലുഷിതമായിരുന്നെങ്കിലും ഇപ്പോൾ പ്രശാന്തമായ സ്ഥാനത്തെത്തിച്ചേർന്നിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് മേലാൽ പ്രജകളെ വേണ്ടുംവണ്ണം പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിച്ചു് ക്ഷേമങ്ങളെ പുലർത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോരുമെന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രത്യാശിക്കുന്നു. തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ചിരകാലം ആയുരാരോഗ്യസമ്പൽസമൃദ്ധിയോടുകൂടി ജീവിച്ചിരിക്കട്ടെ എന്നു് സർവ്വശക്തനായ ഈശ്വരനോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ തേവണ്ണക്കൌണ്ടൻ: സർ, കൊച്ചീ മകാരാജാ തിരുമനച്ചു വ്യ ാം വരുഷത്തിയ തിരുനാളെ മുന്നിട്ടു് ആയുരാരോക്കിയ ചൌക്കിയമായു് ഇരുക്കുനാൽ കടവുളൈ വേണ്ടിക്കൊഴികിറേൻ. അവർ ഇനിയും വെകുകാലം ഇരുന്തു എങ്കളൈ രക്ഷിക്കവേണ്ടിക്കൊഴികിറേൻ.

Mr. P. A. Muhammad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Mr. President Sir, I have great pleasure on behalf of my community and myself to extend, my heartiest loyal felicitations on the ensuing 80th birthday of His Highness the Maharaja. I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Mover of the resolution and the other Hon'ble Members of this House. I sincerely pray Almighty God to shower His choicest blessings upon our benevolent Maharaja; Sir, I conclude.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Mr. President Sir, On behalf not only of the treasury benches of this House but on behalf of the public services of this country I have great pleasure to tender to His Highness our gracious Maharaja, our heartiest felicitations and respectful and loyal good wishes on this auspicious occassion. We are bound to His Highness by more than one bond of loyalty and some of us by a third and more personal bond of affection to His Highness. We are deeply sensible of the great boon that Providence has bestowed on us in placing us under His Highness' gracious protection and with a single voice and heart we pray that His Highness may be spared for many more years in health, vigour and prosperity to continue to confer on his people the blessings of his beneficient regin.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, It is with immence pleasure and great hapiness that I speak a few words on this resolution; namely, to felicitate most heartily and loyally His Highness our beloved Maharaja on His Highness' ensuing 80th birthday. In doing so, I am not influenced by reasons of convention but actuated by the deep conviction that I am paying my respectful and humble homage to a Ruler highly religious and god-fearing, one who is bestowed with great intelligence and culture acquired by deep learning and vast reading a Ruler who is extremely anxious to promote the welfare of all classes of His Highness' subjects without the least distinction of caste, creed or religion. Without fear of contradiction I can assert in this House and to the information of the public in Cochin and outside, that but for His Highness' extreme solicitude to and equal treatment of all His subjects, I would not have occupied the trusted post of the Minister of His Highness' State. I think it is superfluous for me to dilate upon and repeat the great qualities of head and heart of His Highness the Maharaja after the speeches you had the pleasure of hearing from the mouths of more than one honourable member of this House representing various sections. These qualities are well known to all His Highness' beloved subjects. However, I wish to refer to one or two noble and striking qualities of his, as a Ruler of the State. Sir, I am an admirer of constitutional monarchy. I believe that a strong constitutional monarch is a check upon the waggeries, of His Ministers. And His Ministers' administrative advice is an equally good guide to the benevolent adminitration of the country by a King. A clever and intelligent legislative body is also an equally good institution to check and regulate the actions of the Ministry responsible to the legislature and to the people of the State. That is why I stated that I admire constitutional monarchy. By a long process of benevolent gifts on the part of the Maharajas of Cochin, this State has progressed to a stage of efficient administration by a constitutional ruler and is continuously progressing towards the ideal. I know by close conduct with our beloved Maharaja that he is an absolutely constitutional ruler desirous to advance the constitution for the welfare of the State and His Highness' subjects. Secondly I can testify to His Highness' constant anxiety to promote the well-being of the Villagers and the working classes amongst His Highness' subjects. And it will not be out of place if I mention here the fact that every time I had the happiness and privilege of conversing with His gracious Highness in my capacity formerly as an officer of this State and now as His Highness' trusted Minister, I was invariably moved by His Highness' anxiety to know the conditions of the people in the villages and the desire to promote their welfare and that of the working classes. I request to be execused if I also mention of my personal indebtedness to His Highness our beloved Maharaja for His beneveelent gifts to me. I consider thèm as indications of His Highness' extreme kindness and appreciation of my humble and loyal work in my former capacity as an officer of this State.

There ore, in my capacity as Leader of this House and in my personal capacity it is my proud privi ege and pleasure to request you, Sir, to convey to His Highness our gracious and beloved Maharaja, our loyal and heartfelt felicitations on the occasion of His Highness' ensuing 80th birthday. May God shower upon His Highness long life, continued health, vigour and happiness, and I believe it will be perfectly appropriate and will give a correct picture of His Highness' noble qualities if I conclude by referring to the poetical words of Lord Tenyson.—

"And leave us rulers of your kind
As noble till the latest day!
May children of our children say,
He wrought his people lasting good;
His court was pure; his life serene;
God gave him peace; his lend reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In him as Father, Husband and King;

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And statesmen at his council met
Who knew the seasons when to take
Occassion by the hand, and make
The bounds of freedom wider yet
By shaping some august decree
Which kept his throne unshaken still,
Broad-based upon his people's will".

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* After hearing speeches of various people I now see that I will be failing in my duty if I did not say a few words as representative of the Nayars of the Cochin State. Sir, we the Nayars of Cochin State are looking with pleasure to the on coming 80th birthday of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin. We have always been loyal to H. H. and His Highness' family and we hope and pray God that we will be able to stand by H. H. whenever our help is required. We have stood by His Highness prosperity in season and out of season as well as in adversely and we hope we will be able to do so in years to come. May His Highness live long!

Mr. President: I should like to associate myself fully and whole heartedly with the expressions of loyalty and the felicitations which have been expressed by Hon'ble Members in all parts of this House. I shall now put the motion to the Council.

"This Council offers its loyal felicitations to His Highness Sri Ravi Varma, Maharaja of Cochin, on the occasion of the ensuing 80th birthday of His Highness",

Motion put and carried, all the Hon'ble Members standing

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, The business of House may be adjourned, before 10 minutes.

Mr. President: Yes.

The House rose for lunch at 1-20 p.m. and resembled at 2-30 p.m. with the Hon'ble Deputy President in the Chair

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Non-official Bills

1. The Cochin Agriculturists Act (Amendment) Bill

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Under Standing Order No. 36 I beg to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to examine the question of the Agriculturists' Relief Act within the scope of Standing Order B-36 and in doing so I wish to make the following remarks. This Committee was constituted on the 25th of March 1944 as it is seen in the report submitted by the Select Committee on the 2nd March 1945 almost a year subsequent to its appointment. It consisted of eight Gentlemen, Hon'ble Members of this House, whose names also are seen there. Because of the new elections out of the six non-officials whose names are also noted in it as Nos. 3 to 8, only 2 have been returned to the Council. The remaining 4 members who were also in the signatories of the majority report to the effect that clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill that was sent to them for consideration, since they are not here and as the Select Committe report appertaining to the deletion of these clauses recommended by them does not give any reason in black and white excepting saying boldly that they of opinion that there is no case now for the deletion of the time limit fixed in Section 24. Except that bare statement what led them to take that view is not also here. We would have been benefitted by the reasons that these four would have given us to request if they were here but in the absence of those four we can get the opposition view or the view that supports the deletion only from the two spokesmen and representatives of the Government, namely, the Hon'ble Member for law as also the Hon'ble Member for Revenue, that is one and two in this list of signatories, not that they will not be able to satisfy us with an epitom of the reasons of the other members; but it would be not sufficient for us, a new Council wherein more members are now than a sprinkling of old members. It is desirable I think, Sir, that this Bill is remitted under the next clause of the same Standing Order to be looked into afresh and their considered opinion whether there is necessity for deleting that particular clause which is the subject matter of clause 4 of the original Bill to get their opinion whether it is necessary to retain or desirable to delete, to get such opinion from a new committee, I believe it will be better for me rather to move for a consideration of the bill as reported by the

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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